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Man's Search for Spirituality

A Chronological Presentation



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“Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?” ~Galatians 4:16, Holy Bible.

*“We are dying today from the fact of not having anyone who knows how to lay down his life for the Truth.” ~Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., quoted in *The Jesuits: The Society of Jesus and the Betrayal of the Roman Catholic Church* by Malachi Martin, author of *Vatican and The Final Conclave*, pg 286, 1987.*



Dedication

This book is dedicated to those brave individuals who refuse to be led blindly through life,

And seek enlightenment in order to listen to God's advice.

And to all those who have suffered at the hands of those who proclaim

To be the instruments of the God whose name

Is our Lord. In his infinite wisdom, may He look down upon us

And forgive those who profane and discuss

His name by using it to make man to suffer.

In our quest for knowledge we seek a God to buffer

Us from the everyday pain and prejudices to make life softer.

We need not agree on each and every one

Of the many aspects of the Scriptures of when life began,

Suffice it to say the intention of God is to lessen the errors

And sufferings of the begotten creatures for our character;

Not to inundate us with pedantic rhetoric from the pulpits;

Nor the lies of the priests for their benefits.

Man, in all his inquisitiveness is abundantly obsessed by a pit

Of damnation and less on the spiritual world that is righteous

And fair in its treatment of all of God's creatures thus.

May this abundance of righteousness some day spread to all of us

In this material world that we may also treat our brother illustrious

As equals and in fairness, in justness and in fairness.

The evils we do, we do not in God's name, but our own.



E. Christopher Reyes, 28 February, 2003, rev. Jan. 2011.

"This book will never be published-in fact it couldn't be, because it would be a felony to soil the mails with it, for it has much Holy Scripture in it of the kind that... Can't be properly read aloud, except from the pulpit, and in family worship." ~Mark Twain in reference to the Holy Bible.

Throughout his life Mark Twain would challenge the very foundations of religion, aristocracy, and the halls authority, and his rewards will be a profound denunciation of almost all of his works by those who feel threatened, not by falsehoods, but, by the truth, which comes forth from the mouths of his characters in his now famous writings.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave... When first we practice to deceive!" ~Sir Walter Scott.

Introduction:

For centuries man has laid waste lands and their inhabitants under the assumption that they, the conquerors, were inspired and being led by a superior God or Gods as the conquered people are forced to accept their vanquishers as the supreme rules and their conquerors gods as the almighty successors to their own or face further humiliation and death.

The advent of Christianity did little to change this status quo of conquered and vanquished. History is replete with the efforts of the early Christians to force their new god upon the inhabitants of conquered lands. Kings and other monarchs proclaiming that all un-Christianized lands and peoples were fair game to be conquered and subjugated by the new so-called pious world leaders. The new lands will thence become the property of the new leaders and the people the subjects of the new church.

This travesty of friend and foe [*Christian and Non-Christian*] in the division of lands is subject to debate today in most third world Christian countries. Foreign lands have been stolen from the indigenous peoples by the Church, [*Church, in this book, unless otherwise specified refers to the Roman Catholic Church and its representatives*], via the early Christian friars with the approval of their Popes, and the support of the national governments.

"Religion is a means of forcing mankind to accept institutional doctrines, often abandoning the truth, for the benefit of the institution, and seldom mankind." ~E. Christopher Reyes

Agrarian documents are forged by Church leaders to give the lands away as rewards to their friends, relatives, and all those who support the Catholic cause as the Pope will often times turn the other cheek. The affects of this mass appropriation of property are quite evident in the poorer countries today, especially in Latin America and the Philippines. In this modern 21st century era, have we really progressed when we now have countries using their armies to declare war on their neighbors because they are not of the same faith?

"Rome held out to men the possibility of becoming pure and sinless saints [ontological perfection], and those who attained this perfection reached sainthood and were qualified to enter Heaven at the hour of death. Those who did not become perfect and absolutely sinless in the flesh would need to go to Purgatory after death and thus be made completely just and qualified to enter Heaven." ~The Great Issues of the Reformation, Present Truth.

Is God a Christian, a Muslim, or a Jew? This and other issues are addressed in this book in an effort to show that we have more in common with each other in the belief of a Supreme God than we have in disagreements. More over, those differences are not worth fighting wars over. The pages of the Bible have

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been changed to accommodate the prevailing attitudes and interpretations of those in power to such an extent that its true meaning has been almost lost to this generation.

What Christian faith today will dare read from the very book that Jesus preached from? [*The Torah*] I may be wrong in my interpretation of Scripture, but so also may the various other dominant religious sects in their interpretations, some having translated from the King James Version or other documents not written in the original language and already adulterated by the priest-craft.

"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand." ~Mark Twain [Samuel Clemens]

I have only sought to seek the Truth and in doing so, I have concluded that all religions are good if they help mankind [*not just the leaders and not only the followers of the specific religious group*] Religion is founded on the precept of change. This desire to bring about the changes desired but out of reach of the common man leads to a concept of a being beyond the perception of mankind.

God is represented as some entity that man cannot describe, for if he could he would have a God with set parameters and therefore not be all encompassing in all aspects of man's life. Being representative of the "All" this entity would be omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. It would have no bounds and therefore no limitations to solve the dilemmas of mankind. Something, which few men think about when they become terrorists and proclaim to do God's work. Why would an omnipotent God need man to do his work?

The Gnostics believed that each of us is his or her own expert on God. Each of us will seek knowledge to his or her own capacity and to the extent that he [*or she*] will become as one with God. Each of us has a different capacity in wanting to know the Truth.

To this endeavor I have written this book to help each of you find God in his or her own way. No one is entirely right, no one is entirely wrong. What matters is that we promote the common good of mankind in the name of God and not attempt to wage war in the name of God. The people, who are being misled, now deserve the Truth.

"I can live with the heretics and infidels for I know whereof they speak: it's the [Christian] liars that cause me great consternation." ~E. Christopher Reyes

For daring to reveal the truth, the author, on January 31st is forced to leave the Philippines, abruptly, after and Order is issued for his arrest for 'Failure to adapt to the prevailing norms and customs of the community.' Truer words have never been spoken as the author refuses to cow-tow or yield to corrupt officials in Dimiao [*located in Bohol, Philippines*].

To those Christians who dare read this book, which challenges their veracity, I have done their homework for them, that is looked up Scripture, which can set their mind at ease so they can ignore the truth, that one must not concern oneself with details, and numbers, and focus on their supposed inspired Word of God, "...Not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies..." ~1 Timothy 1.4.

"Avoid foolish questions, and genealogies. In these the Jews particularly delighted; they abounded in the most frivolous questions; and, as they had little piety themselves, they were solicitous to show that they had descended from godly ancestors... Of their frivolous questions, and the answers given to them, by the wisest and most reputable of their rabbins, the following is a specimen, Rabbi Hillel was asked, 'Why have the Babylonians round heads?' To which he answered, 'This is a difficult question, but I will tell the reason: Their heads are round because they have but little wit. ...'" ~Epistle to Titus: Books of the New Testament Gospels

But, "Chronology is important. Without chronology it is not possible to understand history, for chronology is the backbone of history. We know that God regards chronology as important, for He has put so much of it into His Word. We find chronology not only in the historical books of the Bible, but also in the prophetic books, in the Gospels, and in the writings of Paul." ~A Chronology of the Hebrew Kings, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977, p.7.

Throughout the history of man, there has always been that quest for wanting to know that which we



sometimes say is unknowable. Who was the first man? Is there a God? Why should there be a God? Can one prove whether or not there is a God? Is there another life after death?

What will happen to me when I die? Can man ever know or gain knowledge into those aspects of his life which seem unreachable? How can man protect himself against the forces which he has no control? What is in the future for mankind? Where do the good go after death? Where do the bad go? Is there really a life after death for us plain mortals?

A darkness pervaded the early life of man and in that darkness was brought not only fear of being unable to see the dangers around him, but also a darkness which filled his mind with horrible thoughts as to what could happen to him since he was without knowledge. A darkness that brought on fears, fear of not knowing, and fear of being at the mercy of the elements of disaster, catastrophe, pestilence, and disease. Ignorance is without knowledge. Man did not know, but man wanted to know. Where will he gain this knowledge? How will he gain this knowledge? Who will give him this knowledge?

"The right to search for truth implies also a duty, one must not conceal any part of what one has recognized to be true." ~Albert Einstein

Man's Quest for Knowledge vs. Institutionally Imposed Knowledge :

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it people will eventually come to believe it." ~ Joseph Goebbels, Adolf Hitler's Nazi Catholic crusader.

This quest for knowledge or alleged knowledge brought about the beginnings of a class of people later to become the soothsayers, cultists, sorcerers, shamans, wizards, magicians, and priests who would act as intermediaries between the known and unknown, between man and his god. These so called intermediaries cultivate a God of reciprocity who helps man so long as man worships Him. The priests attempt to explain the nature of things and function to help man, but over time came to help them.

Often times their actions helped themselves and/or their religious organizations to become institutions of indisputable power. *"There is a beast in every man, which can be stirred by the accumulation of too much power."* ~E. Christopher Reyes

This left mankind in the clutches of religious institutions that did whatever was necessary to perpetuate their powers, their definitions of God, and their beliefs. A select group [oligarchy] will dictate to man what beliefs are, a select few who cannot even follow their own laws. Man was in search of a God, a God who is both omnipresent and omnipotent.

"It is the fate of those who toil at the lower employments of life, to be rather driven by the fear of evil, than attracted by the prospect of good, to be exposed to censure, without hope of praise; to be disgraced by miscarriage, or punished for neglect, where success would have been without applause, and diligence without reward." ~Samuel Johnson, 1755

Man is in search of a God will cure the evils of this world and who is more powerful than any ruler on earth is. Man is in need of spiritual guidance and uplifting against the disasters that occur in this mundane world and the wrongs that are perpetrated by his fellow man. Man has put his faith in those who claimed to have this knowledge, but the religious institutions were also searching.

They were in search of man, who in his ignorance, would follow blindly without mental reservation or equivocation into whatever nadir the institution would ascend or for that matter descend. They needed followers and would devise dogma, doctrine, and ritual, to convert man to their stated propose. Free thinkers are the anathema to the Church. *"Mankind is born free, and it is only through the insidious process of religious indoctrination that man is made to feel the penitentiary of mental enslavement and obedience to strangers [the priest craft]."* ~E. Christopher Reyes

Free thinkers are those who will not follow blindly, considered enemies of the Church, and must be

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destroyed at all costs. It is a sad part of our religious history that the glory of the religious institutions should have been the days when they ruled in the Glory of God, without reservation, speaking of the greatness that awaits us in the hereafter, and the suffering of those who dedicated their lives to that end receiving a better life in the hereafter. Unfortunately, what we have is a period when the Church abused its authority. The Church maltreated those whom it promised to help, the weak, the poor and those who believed blindly in the authority of their Church leaders, for to do otherwise would show vulnerability "... *Tried them, which say they are Apostles, and... Found them liars.*" ~Revelations 2:2.

"I seek only truth, justice, and the way of God, not man." ~E. Christopher Reyes

The Dark Ages:

The days when the Roman Catholic Church reigned supreme over Europe should have been its most glorious days. Days when the people prospered, when religion flourished, and the sciences would make advancements to help mankind. Unfortunately, the days of the unquestionable supreme rule of the Church is known as the *Dark Ages*.

An Age existed when the Church leaders controlled all knowledge, an age when the Church leaders will declare to the masses what is or is not the Truth, an age when all scientific progress came to an almost abrupt halt, and a most deplorable time when men of science were forced to adapt the counsel of Saint Paul and state, "*It is better to go to Church than to be burned,*" being most fearful of their self-righteous Church leaders.

The Church attempted to control the thoughts as well as the thinking of their Christian followers, but could not control the thinking of those of the new religion that was overtaking the Arab world in the 7th Century. Paul is in fact, traditionally regarded as the devotee who twisted the simple Jesus into a Hellenistic transcendent entity; and there are those who also propose that the Jerusalem group did not regard Jesus as being Divine!

Paul, who may have also come in contact with followers of Mithraism in Tarsus, either unconsciously or unintentionally may have restructured the prevailing mystery beliefs because he was drenched in the religious frenzy of those religions. ~Note: Mithraics see the death of their God as purely symbolic, not literal.

The Prophet Muhammad also had a vision, and his vision did not take into consideration so much the thinking of the Christian world, as it did the corruption of man and his actions as a whole against mankind. Offering a prayer to God once a week, as practiced in the Jewish and Christian faiths, was not enough, and contrary to what Paul says, that there can be no repentance for sin after baptism. ~Hebrews 6:4-6.

The Pagans already had Baptisms and sacred rites, "[T]he nations, who are strangers to all understanding of spiritual powers, ascribe to their idols the imbuing of waters with the selfsame efficacy... For washing is the channel through which they are initiated into some sacred rites... At all events, at the Apollinarian and Eleusinian games they are Baptized; and they presume that the effect of their doing that is their Regeneration and the remission of the penalties due to their perjuries." ~Tertullian, *On Baptism*, ch. 5; *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, vol. 3, p. 669.

"Notwithstanding the attempts that have been made to prove that Eleusinian Baptism signified Rebirth, or to envisage it as a bridal-bath, a death-mystery, or an image of the Resurrection, such possible interpretations cannot be grounded on the attestations that have come down to us." ~Wagner.

Many Christians would be astounded to hear, "*Whipped, insulted, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a cross, at the Qumran monastery, not in, or near the city of Jerusalem, as has been supposed by so many, for so many years, Jesus only a relatively few hours after his crucifixion, did indeed get off that cross, by himself, under his own power.*" ~*The Modern Case Against The Gnostics as presented by Marvin Olasky in World, May 20, 2008, Volume 21-Number 20.*

Man was becoming corrupt and treating his fellow man with impudence and with total disregard for life. God, through an angel, speaks to Muhammad and tells him that man must now offer more prayers and seek salvation by acting properly [*within the laws*] that he then delineates to the Prophet. Mohammad's vision did not acquiesce to the Catholic Church, and the Prophet's vision did not ask permission to spread this new word of God.

The faith of Muhammad encouraged man to seek the Truth, versus discouraging the asking of questions, and encourages man to find one's self with God. This dichotomous difference made one faith succeed in the sciences of mathematics, medicine, and astronomy while the other fell further and further behind into an abysmal crevice that it could not extricate itself. "*When a dogma contradicts a scientific assertion, the latter has to be revised!*" ~Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 13, pg. 607.

When the Christians finally ceded to the knowledge that was pervading other cultures, it did so only reluctantly, to the point of rewriting the works of others, to be claimed by Christian authors, and the great libraries of other ethno-cultural groups were still being destroyed in an effort to thwart the successes of other faiths over Christianity.

"Good people can do good and bad people can do evil. But for good people to do evil, that takes religion."
~Steven Weinberg.

Unfortunately, the new revelations came with a price, and that price was the new separatism that rose from the ranks of Christianity itself, Protestantism. The new archrival was not the Islamic faith but a new faith developing from within which condemned the favoritism, loose morals and partisanship that was occurring from within the Church.

"Somehow, everybody knows that Christianity is the Church and the Church is a power-structure, an apparatus for limiting freedom in belief and morals." ~The Rev'd Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge University.

The new leaders were condemning all within who were taking liberties in their translations of Scripture. The Christian Church would claim, "*Jesus said...*" or "*God says...*" when in fact neither is the Truth. Who can argue with the Church, who dares argue with the Church, a Church that vehemently set out to change all that is being taught, or written, contrary to its teachings? These days of "*Resurrection of Truth,*" are known as the "*Days of Enlightenment.*"

When mankind removed the shackles of religious tyranny to seek knowledge, and in seeking knowledge set about on a path of discovering the truth. The newly formed Catholic Church stood for the destruction of all doctrine [*contrary to their thinking*], obliteration of all books that stated anything to the contrary, and an annihilation of all those who stood in its way.

"Biblical language... Is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind." ~George Orwell.

What is the purpose of the Catholic Church, peace or conquest? Is the Church to fulfill the words of the Bible: "*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth, but a sword.*" ~Matthew 10:34.

Records, still in existence, show the destruction of the souls sacrificed in the name of God, some already obliterated from the records by the religious institutions. The search for a better way of life led to religious leaders throwing off the shackles of a strong institution and reverting back to ancient scriptures that had as yet been untouched by religious authorities. It was just a matter of time before the Church would decry this newly founded religion as heresy and set about to destroy it also. And, to proclaim this new faith as heresy, therefore not within the protection of Jesus Christ, their Lord.

The Catholic Church has previously renounced any affiliations with the Hebrews, denying the genealogy of Jesus; Jesus being born of a virgin, and yet still proclaiming his descendency from the House of David on the other hand; Jesus is descendent of the House of David in complete contradiction to the Jewish prevailing norm of matrilineality, that is, the child following the descendency of the mother.

Even the Church does not believe in Biblical genealogies, "*The Church... Does not attach decisive influence to the Chronology of the Vulgate [corrupted Catholic Latin translation by Saint Jerome], the official version of the Western Church, since in the Martyrology for Christmas day, the creation of Adam is put down in the year 5199 B.C.E., which is the reading of the Septuagint. It is, however, certain that we cannot confine the years of man's sojourn on earth to that usually set down... Various explanations have been given of chapter 5 [Genesis] to explain the short time it seems to allow between the Creation and the Flood... The total number of years in the Hebrew, Samaritan, and Septuagint differs, in the Hebrew it being 1656, in the Samaritan 1307, and in the Septuagint 2242, ... According to Science the length of this period was much greater than appears from the genealogical table... In any case, whether we follow the*

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traditional or critical view, the numbers obtained from the genealogy of the Patriarchs in chapter 11 must be greatly augmented, in order to allow time for such a development of civilization, language, and race type as had been reached by the time of Abraham.” ~*Catholic Encyclopedia*, vol. iii, 731-3. Note: Some historians believe that Abraham/Ibrahim could be identical with the Persian Zarathustra/Zoroaster. Note: In the genealogy in the Book of Matthew we are missing four names that are listed in the Hebrew Bible. The Book of Matthew is allegedly written by Paul of Tarsus.

Many want to know who created this world, *“Truly I say unto ye all this day, things are not always as they appear to the one beholding, for one says the world came into being by itself, without a God and without a Creator, and another says the world came into being by fate, and still another says by providence, but I tell ye, all three speak not the word of Truth, as not one speaks of the True Origin of the World, for no man knoweth of the origin, lest the Son of Man revealeth the Mystery.”* ~The Essene Humane Gospel of Jesus, Translated From The Original Hebrew And Aramaic Texts, Typesetting by: Followers of the Essene Way [F.E.W.]

In the Sacred Book, we have, before Adam of Light had withdrawn in the chaos, the authorities saw him and laughed at the prime parent because he had lied when he said, *“It is I who am God. No one exists before me.”* When they came to him, they said, *“Is this not the God who ruined our work?”* He answered and said, *“Yes. If you do not want him to be able to ruin our work, come let us create a man out of earth, according to the image of our body and according to the likeness of this being, to serve us; so that when he sees his likeness, he might become enamored of it. No longer will he ruin our work; rather, we shall make those who are born out of the light our servants for all the duration of this eternal realm.”* ~The Nag Hammadi Library: *On the Origin of the World, The Untitled Text*, Translated by Hans-Gebhard Bethge and Bentley Layton.

In the Book According to Matthew the father of Joseph is Jacob, whose father is Matthan, whose father is Eleazar. In the Book of Luke the father of Joseph is Heli, whose father is Matthat, whose father is Levi. How can this be?.... Was Mary married to two Josephs? Things like this constitute a grave problem for somebody who looks objectively and open-mindedly to the New Testament.

Some say that Luke gives the genealogy of Jesus through his mother Mary. But this makes no sense, because it is clearly written in Luke 3:23; *“And Jesus himself began to be about 30 years of age, being [as was supposed] the son of Joseph, who was the son of Heli, who was the son of...,”* which clearly gives the genealogy of Joseph, and the name of the Virgin Mary is not even mentioned. ~*Why Don't The Jewish People Recognize the New Testament?* by Elijah Silver From Site: www.geocities.com/Metzad/Notstmnt.htm.

Therefore, Jesus does not fulfill prophecy, for the Messiah must be descended, on his father's side, from King David, and Jesus does not have a father since he is the product of a Virgin Birth. ~see Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5, 33:17; Ezekiel 34:23-24.

The third chapter of Luke traces Joseph's genealogy, not Mary's. If Jesus' lineage is traced from Mary's genealogy, as in Luke 3:27, which lists Shealtiel and Zerubbabel in his genealogy, and which also appear in Matthew 1:12 as descendants of the cursed Jeconiah, and Mary descends from them, it would disqualify her from being a Messianic progenitor. Mary is not from any legitimate Messianic family, nor can Mary even trace herself back to King David, which does not help the Christian Jesus, since tribal affiliation goes only through the father, not mother. ~Cf. Numbers 1:18; Ezra 2:59.

Besides, Joseph is descended from Jeconiah. ~Matthew 1:11.

The New Testament therefore not only contradicts the Old Testament, it also contradicts itself, since we now have two different genealogies with at least one being wrong. These difficulties are already recognized in the time of Paul who ignores this serious matter and consequently writes to Titus: *“But avoid foolish questions and genealogies and strivings about the Law, for they are unprofitable and vain.”* ~Titus 3:9. See also I Timothy 1:3-4.

Of course, the Christians completely ignore the fact that, In Matthew 1:18 we read, *“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise; When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child of the Holy ghost,”* which means that the embarrassed Joseph wanted to leave Mary, because she was already pregnant with somebody else's child, but then an angel came to him [verse 20] and says, *“That what is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”*

It is clearly written in the New Testament, and firmly understood by Christianity, that Joseph is not the father of Jesus, hence, what is the point of attempting to prove that Jesus is descended from King David by giving the genealogy of Joseph who is definitely not his father? ~Matthew 1:1.

According to Scripture, Joseph falls under the curse of that king that none of his descendants could ever sit as king upon the throne of David. ~Jeremiah 22:30; 36:30.

“And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse [Davidic Dynasty], and a branch out of his

roots shall bear fruit." ~Isaiah 11:1.

Could Jesus be the heir to the throne of King David and yet not be of the Hebrew faith? The Christians now claimed a history, as did the Jews, but without the Jewish flavor. The Christians now claimed a supreme being in Jesus Christ [as did all recognized religions of the time believing their god had supernatural powers], but without his Jewish name, and the Christians now claimed a bastion of an organization to promote their faith [Institutionalization].

Nevertheless, this Institutional Knowledge could lead man astray in its perpetual endeavors to effect a system that promotes its own self-gratification and financial rewards. The separatism from the Jewish heritage [denial of its Jewish history/roots] will have grave consequences almost two thousand years from its embarkation as the true faith of Jesus Christ the Lord and the Dark Ages will represent an era when the Church will persecute, torture, and murder all those who stand in its way. An Era when the Church condemns, destroys, and burns all literature that stands between it and its proclaimed Doctrinal Beliefs [beliefs that will change with the passages of time].

"The bill for establishing religious freedom, the principles of which had, to a certain degree, been enacted before, I had drawn in all the latitude of reason and right. It still met with opposition; but with some mutilations in the preamble, it was finally passed; and a singular proposition proved that its protection of opinion was meant to be universal. Where the preamble declares, that coercion is a departure from the plan of the holy author of our religion, an amendment was proposed by inserting 'Jesus Christ,' so that it would read 'A departure from the plan of Jesus Christ, the Holy author of our religion;' The insertion was rejected by a great majority, in proof that they meant to comprehend, within the mantle of its protection, the Jew and the Gentile, the Christian and the Mohometan [Mohammadan, Islam], the Hindoo [Hindu] and Infidel [agnostics, atheists, doubters] of every denomination." ~Thomas

Jefferson, in reference to the Virginia Act for Religious Freedom, supports religious liberty for all people, not just Christians.

An Era when a religious institution sets about on a World Conquest to convert or annihilate, an Era in which the Church would attempt to change the annals of history by rewriting, editing, or omitting facts in order to acknowledge one and only one true faith. No one stood in its way until Muhammad appeared, and then the Islamic faith gained an unknowing ally in the Protestant movement.

This revision of history by Church leaders has lasted far into the 20th century and perhaps will continue into the 21st century unless those who seek the Truth will act to make the facts known to all men.

Let our progeny make their own choice as to their religious convictions based on Truth, and not myth, legend, or fairy tales. A belief without guilt or prejudice will be the faith of tomorrow. This book is about Truth that, through the centuries, avoids destruction: hidden, to evade rewriting to protect or promote the political, financial, and religious aspirations of the few.

"Has the world become a better place due to religion, or has it become a better place in spite of religion? One forgets that two of the world's chief mass murderers once thought of becoming Christian priests [Stalin and Hitler]. And Pol Pot had an entire staff of Catholic ministers to confide in" ~E. Christopher Reyes.

What great gifts can we attribute to the Holy Mother the Church?

Some of the Roman Catholic Heresies and Inventions, and the Dates of their Adoption:

- ✠ Infant Baptism, 250 C.E. *"Prominent among the early departures from the divine order was the substitution of infant baptism for that of believers. This practice originated in the 3rd century, and grew out of the Doctrine of Original Sin. It was contended that baptism was regeneration in the sense of washing away Original Sin; that infants were depraved by Original Sin, and could not be saved without this washing away of that sin, and therefore they baptized infants that they might be saved."* ~J. W. Shepherd, *The Church, The Falling Away and The Restoration*, p. 59. Cf. Old Testament, Numbers 14:33-34.
- ✠ Prayers for the dead; about 300 CE.
- ✠ Making the sign of the cross came about most likely during the murderous reign of Emperor Constantine, the Pagan; honorary Christian Bishop, about 300 C.E.
- ✠ Wax candles; about 320 C.E.
- ✠ Veneration of angels and dead saints, and use of images; 375 C.E.

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- † Confessionals; 390. The New Testament teaches that one's sins must be confessed; but such a thing as secret confessions before a priest in order to receive this absolution [forgiveness] was not practiced until the year 390, at which time there was a place appointed for the sinner to stand and mourn their sins during public service, from which they were excluded. This practice continued with additions to it. Often, some were required to do penance during their whole lifetime with some being given ten, fifteen, twenty years of penance. The priests would then absolve [forgive] them their sins and they were received back into communion.
- † The Council of Trent, in 1215, would declare, *"The Church has always understood that an entire confession of sins was always appointed by the Lord, and that it is of Divine requirement necessary to all who have lapsed after baptism. Because our Lord Jesus Christ, when about to ascend from earth to Heaven, left his priests, his Vicars, to be, as it were the presidents and judges, to whom all mortal sins into which Christ's faithful people should fall should be brought, in order that, by the power of the keys, they might pronounce sentence of remission or retention."*
- † The Mass as a daily celebration; 394 C.E.
- † Beginning of the exaltation of the Virgin Mary, the term *"Mother of God"* is first applied to her by the Council of Ephesus; 431 C.E.
- † Priests began to dress differently from the laymen and accepting special veneration; 500.
- † Extreme Unction [*Last Rites*]; 526-588. Anointing the body of those thought to be near to death. It is often called, *"The Last Rites,"* or *"The Last Sacrament."* *"In this Sacrament the priest anoints the sick person with olive oil, which is blessed once a year for this Sacrament by the Bishop. The oil is applied in the form of a cross to his closed eyes, to his ears, nose, lips, hands and feet, whilst the anointing is accompanied by a prayer that God may forgive whatever sins might have been committed through these members."* ~Father Smith Instructs Jackson, page 185.
- † The Doctrine of Purgatory is established by Pope [Saint] Gregory I; 593. *"There is a Purgatory, and souls there detained, are helped by the prayers of the faithful, and especially by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar."* ~The Council of Trent, 1215.
- † *"The Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from Sacred Scriptures and the ancient traditions of the Fathers, taught in Sacred Councils, and very recently in this Ecumenical Synod, that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls therein detained are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but principally by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar."* ~Council of Florence, 1439
- † Latin Language, used in prayer and worship, imposed by Pope Gregory I; 600.
- † Prayers directed to Mary, dead saints and angels; about 600.
- † Title of Pope, or Universal Bishop is given to Pope Boniface III by Emperor Phocas; 610.
- † Kissing the Pope's foot, begins with Pope Constantine; 709.
- † Temporal power of the Popes, conferred by Pepin, King of France; 750.
- † Worship of the cross, images and relics is authorized in 786.
- † Holy water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest; 850. In 120 CE there were some clergy who used holy water, but this was a departure from the Church's dogma.
- † Worship of Saint Joseph; 890.
- † College of Cardinals established; 927.
- † Baptism of bells, instituted by Pope John XIV; 965.
- † Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV; 995. For misconceptions regarding Saints, read: Romans 15:26; 16:15; 2 Corinthians 9:1, 12; 1 Timothy 5:10.
- † Fasting of Fridays and during Lent; 998.
- † The Mass, developed gradually as a sacrifice, attendance made obligatory in the 11th century.
- † Celibacy of the priesthood is formally decreed by Pope Gregory VII [*Hildebrand*]; 1079, but, as we know, the priesthood has not let this stop them from having conjugal relations, and many Popes will go on to father bastard children who they will provide many pecuniary rewards.
- † The Rosary, mechanical praying with beads, invented by Peter the Hermit; 1090.
- † The Inquisition, instituted by the Council of Verona; 1184.
- † Sale of Indulgences; 1190, where the permit to commit sin is purchased from the local priest. *"The doctrine of indulgences, or of the authoritative remission doctrine of penances by the substitution*

for them of prayers, benevolent gifts, or other forms of devotion and self-sacrifice, was universally accepted.” ~Fisher, *History of the Christian Church*.

- † Transubstantiation, proclaimed by Pope Innocent III; 1215.
 - † Auricular Confession of sins to a priest instead of to God, instituted by Pope Innocent III, in Lateran Council; 1215.
 - † Adoration of the wafer [*Host*], decreed by Pope Honorius III; 1220.
 - † Bible is forbidden to be read by laymen, and placed on the Index of Forbidden Books by the Council of Valencia; 1229.
 - † The Scapular, invented by Simon Stock, an English monk; 1287
 - † Cup forbidden to the people at communion by Council of Constance; 1414.
 - † Purgatory proclaimed as an official dogma by the Council of Florence; 1438.
 - † The Doctrine of Seven Sacraments is affirmed; 1439.
 - † The Ave Maria [*part of the last half was completed 50 years later and approved by Pope Sixtus V at the end of the 16th century*]; 1508. ~Note: Vatican records also reveal that Pope Sixtus V spent 18 months of his life as Pope personally writing a new Bible and then introduced into Catholicism called a “*New Learning*.” ~*Catholic Encyclopedia*, Farleyed, vol. v, p. 442, vol. xv, p. 376.
 - † Jesuit Order founded by Loyola; 1534.
 - † Tradition declared of equal authority with the Bible by the Council of Trent; 1545.
 - † Apocryphal books added to the Bible by the Council of Trent; 1546. ~Note: Apocrypha writings were once included in the early Greek translation of the Bible, the Septuagint, but not in the original Hebrew Bible [*Tanakh*]. Roman Catholics, but not most Protestants, now regard those books as part of their Canon. The *Apocryphal Acts* preached total chastity, even in marriage.
 - † Creed of Pope Pius IV imposed as the official creed; 1560.
 - † Immaculate Conception [*Deception(?)*] of the Virgin Mary, proclaimed by Pope Pius IX; 1854
- The *Syllabus of Errors*, proclaimed by Pope Pius IX, and ratified by the Vatican Council. ~Cf. Romans 3:22-24.
- † Condemned freedom of religion
 - † Condemned free conscience
 - † Condemned free speech
 - † Condemned freedom of the press
 - † Condemned all scientific discoveries which are disapproved by the Roman Church
 - † Asserts the Pope’s temporal authority over all civil rulers; 1864
 - † Infallibility of the pope in matters of faith and morals, proclaimed by the Vatican Council; 1870
 - † Public Schools condemned by Pope Pius XI; 1930
 - † Assumption of the Virgin Mary [*bodily ascension into Heaven shortly after her death*], is formally proclaimed by Pope Pius XII; 1950.

Does God Have a Religion?

I do not profess to know all the Truth. But, what I do know is that God has no specific religion and those that profess to be the one and only “*True Faith*” representing God, do so at the detriment of all the other faiths that allege to teach man to do good. Where were the faiths that profess to be the one and only true faith four or five thousand years ago?

A miracle is not from God to any specific religion, and it will only be through the understanding of religion and acceptance of other religious beliefs that man will attain True Knowledge. Knowledge that God stands by us all, ready to help, ready to guide, ready to lead us into a better life and a healthier emotional future, and asking nothing in return but our faith in him and a desire to do good by our fellow man. Who does one turn to in their hour of need?

Who does one trust? Man has for millenniums turned to the religious leaders, seeking their help and in return for their assistance this elitist group would ask for alms, tithes, gifts, blessings, sacrifices, and various other offerings. Millenniums ago these offerings were human sacrifices and the people soon learned to fear this group.

“*Most fools think they are only ignorant.*” ~Benjamin Franklin, Free thinker.

The Church Fathers recognize the gross proclivity [*inclination*] to lie abundantly to the simple-minded
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flock and is reluctantly compelled to say, “Whoever saw so impudent a man? What shall I say to this fellow? Fie for shame man, a minister of fables, a minister of lies! Foolish ignorance, shameless malice, so ignorant, so witless, lewd wretches, Jewish, heathenish, shameless, blasphemous villains, false ministers, false harlots, ye lie falsely, yea, ye lie for advantage, ye are impudent liars, lewd liars, heaps of lies, nothing but lies, and all is lies” ~Harding, *Defens. ApoLcf. Jeremiah* 48:10.

For, without this support, who knows what evils will befall one if they did not give in to the demands of this priestly faction, which purports to know what is forbidden for us to know?

History will show the evilness created under the name of religion, and in the name of God, with his proclaimed ‘Son’ as our ‘Savior.’

“The most evil thing in the world today is the Roman Catholic Church.” ~From *You Can't Be Too Careful*, by H. G. Wells.

The worse thing a Christian can do is read the Bible, for in doing so he [or she] would see the hypocrisy of the new paganism called Christianity. Their leadership thrives on the ignorant and the superstitious, and yet, many still ask me why I still believe in God. Because, I believe in miracles, I believe in a humane God, I believe in a better world than man has shown me. This book will attempt to trace the superstitions of mankind and why we believe in what we believe.

Spooky creatures, evil spirits, ghosts, goblins, and other superstitions help reinforce the necessity of spiritual guidance and protection of the clergy, “A large black monstrous apparition with horns on his head, cloven hoofs... An immense phallus and sulfurous smell.” ~The Council of Toledo ratifying the Devil, 447 C.E.

The male organs of generation are sometimes found represented by ancient signs of the same nature, which might properly be called the symbols of symbols. One of the most remarkable of these is a cross, in the form of the letter ‘T,’ which thus served as both the emblem of creation and generation, before the Christian Church adopted it as their sign of salvation; a lucky coincidence of ideas perhaps, which, without doubt, facilitated the reception of it among the illiterate faithful.

“I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides me there is no Savior.” ~Isaiah 43: 3, 10-11.

History will show man living in continuous fear of these people whose power has no limits. A power, which was abused, and because of the abuse of this power and authority, corruption became a common occurrence, but who would dare challenge the Authority of God purported by these self ordained leaders? This book is about the *Institutionalization of Religion*, the removal of religious thinking from the individual, the imposition of *Institutional Doctrines*, and the radical product based upon a millennium of superstitions, which we know today as Christianity.

A world founded on individualism is a threat to this *Religious Institutionalism* as history will reveal a dichotomy in *individual rights* versus a *worldwide religious bureaucracy* dictating to mankind serves no one but the institution itself.

“The religious institutions of man would do well to follow what they preach. Perhaps man would then have a chance at universal peace and brotherhood.” ~E. Christopher Reyes, Feb. 2001.

Religion is about those who have sought to have dominion over the souls of man [for a price], and about the *Bureaucratization of Religion* whose efforts started centuries ago with the truth that is all but forgotten. From a God who sought revenge, to a God who is forgiving, history is rewritten as the thoughts, attitudes, and cultures of man ethnicity and social perspectives change. It is about the creation of a powerful elitism that threatens to asphyxiate the very tenets it claims to support.

It is about what we believe to be the truth. For centuries, the priests ruled almost every aspect of man's existence, from the time he got up in the morning until he went to sleep at night.

Man lives in constant fear of the unknown. And his religious leaders keep him in that fear, never to feel freedom, never to experience autonomy over one's life, never to know the truth, from birth till his passing away. Fear is the very reason man seeks a higher authority in which to turn to when desperate times

materialize and it is this fear, unfortunately, that is preyed upon by a religious establishment.

After centuries of abuse from their religious leaders there came a time when man stood up against those who abused the faith for their own carnal gratification and financial gain, and man began to realize that only through seeking the Truth would he ever really be free from himself. Free from his own internal fears and lack of esteem to pursue the true nature of God. He challenged the thoughts and authority of the Church and he challenged the powers of the Monarchies. He challenged the authorities to rule himself, for it had become obvious what was happening around him.

"The more stupid, the easier he can be governed! The easier to govern, the better he may be exploited. The more exploited, the poorer he gets. The poorer he gets, the richer and mightier the domineering classes get, the more riches and power they amass, the heavier their yoke upon the neck of the people." ~The God Pestilence, 1883, by Johann Most.

Corruption is just as rampant today within the Church with the clerics exceeding their powers of influence in taxing the poor at every opportunity and surrounding themselves in a luxurious milieu as it was centuries ago by living in castles of the rich or provided by the rich, exempt from paying taxes, acquiring rich jewelry and clothing, and passing on many of these unearned benefits on to their friends and relatives who supported their cause. The clergy will declare themselves unerring and incapable of making mistakes as regards religion, although their private lives will be most decadent and immoral, definitely not to be emulated, yet justified by a diatribe upon those unfortunate that dare challenge them in any form.

"The Catholic Church is, if not 'The most evil thing in the world,' certainly is the most treacherous and mendacious." ~From the works of the former Benedictine Monk, Dr. Joseph McCabe.

The ignominious clergy declare themselves, "*God Ordained*" and therefore allegedly do the bidding of God, acting as God on earth. The clergy deceive the people into thinking that the priesthood and no others had the powers to converse with God, and only through worship of God in a Temple of God can one be close to God. The early Gnostic conception of a Church without Walls was totally against the Catholic dictum and for this they were hunted down and destroyed like animals. The Gnostics believed that each individual was the only true source as to what God was to him/her. Since no man has ever seen God, who is to say what God is like?

This was blasphemous in the eyes of the new Church. This God Ordained Power is also the reason the Church challenged those who professed to have visions, perform miracles, or claim to have spoken to spirits or God himself. With the followers, seeking miracles and Divine Inspiration the Church reluctantly acknowledged the powers of others, but only if they professed Catholicism, and only if they acknowledged the primal powers of the Church. This line of succession must be adhered to in order to maintain control over the flock. Does God ordain clergymen? The early Gnostics claimed to practice rites handed down to them by God through early Disciples.

The Church Fathers could not argue with this, and therefore would later claim to have their own direct descendents through Saint Peter, the alleged favorite apostle of Jesus. But, other Christian groups will claim other leaders, such as Paul, James, etc. What we have is twelve apostles and twelve different set of teachings of what their Savior allegedly said. So there can be only one ostensible "*True Church*," the others must be eradicated, which is what the next thousand years of Christianity will focus on. Total annihilation, and not love or forgiveness. Total obliteration, and not true worship or mercy. Total destruction, and not adoration and absolution.

The self-appointed Church leaders, through majority rulings, that glorious formula of auto-sanctification will rewrite older Gospels to substantiate their contemporary views, "*It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us...*" ~Acts, 15:28.

None of Jesus' contemporaries wrote of him, "*It is amazing that history has not embalmed for us even one certain or definite saying or circumstance in the life of the Savior of mankind... There is no statement in all history that says anyone saw Jesus or talked with him. Nothing in history is more astonishing than the silence of contemporary writers about events relayed in the four Gospels.*" ~Frederic W. Farrar, 1831-1903, Trinity College, Cambridge, *The Life of Christ*, Cassell, London, 1874.

If the Vicar of Christ represents God, then who can possibly be closer to God, than the priesthood, who claim to be his right hand and sole representatives through their proclaimed right of descendency? If God wished to speak to man, then would it not seem reasonable that God would speak first to those who

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represent him here on earth, the clergy, and especially those in 'His' Church?

Then, why is it throughout history that whenever God spoke to man, he has always chosen one of the poor to send his message out to mankind and not the clergy? If Christianity proclaims to be the true faith, then why do Miracles occur in all faiths? Many modern day religious leaders claim the infallibility of their church, claiming that theirs is the "Only True Church of God." If this is so, then what religion was God five thousand or twenty thousand years ago? All the major religions that we know of today did not exist then. Where were these religious institutions one thousand years ago, or three thousand years, or perhaps five thousand years ago?

What will they be preaching thousands of years hence? Will they also fall by the wayside like the many before them? Who will carry the torch in the future?

Bureaucratically instilled religion has long ago passed its zenith and is waning as the truth slowly pervades the minds of man. God will still be here long after these religious institutions decline, for the masses have been deceived and are continually looking for a religion that will not twist the words of God for the self-ordained and financial benefit of the few.

To whom will the people turn to in the 21st century? Who will be the proclaimed representative of the poor and lower classes in this next millennium? Who will dare step forward to accept the torch of truth and true religious separation of Church and State [*autonomy*]? Who will help those in need, the widow woman and the starving masses? Who steals hundreds of millions of dollars from one religion and yet denies it in the 21st century? Whose followers condemn all but their own to Eternal Hell, fire, and damnation?

During the time of Jesus, there existed a poverty and starvation, which cannot truly be described, but Josephus, in the 1st century attempts to portray these horrors, "For the wealthy, he says, it was equally dangerous to remain. For under pretense that they were going to desert, men were put to death for their wealth. The madness of the seditions increased with the famine and both the miseries were inflamed more and more day by day... Many, indeed, secretly sold their possessions for one measure of wheat, if they belonged to the wealthier class, of barley if they were poorer. Then shutting themselves up in the innermost parts of their houses, some ate the grain uncooked on account of their terrible want, while others baked it according as necessity and fear dictated... Thus women snatched the food from the very mouths of their husbands and children, from their fathers, and what was most pitiable of all, mothers from their babes. And while their dearest ones were wasting away in their arms, they were not ashamed to take away from them the last drops that supported life. And even while they were eating thus they did not remain undiscovered. But everywhere the rioters appeared, to rob them even of these portions of food. For whenever they saw a house shut up, they regarded it as a sign that those inside were taking food. And immediately bursting open the doors they rushed in and seized what they were eating, almost forcing it out of their very throats."

~Church History, Book III, Catholic Encyclopedia, From Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Second Series, Vol. 1, Chapter 6.

"The most important truths are likely to be those, which... Society at that time least wants to hear."

~W.H. Ander.

Who Represents the Poor?

The poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer, yet Ministers walk about with large precious stones on their fingers. Their clothes are of the finest threads and yet, the poor have little to eat each day, much less to wear. Religion has become a means of getting rich and not of imparting faith in a higher order. Let these so called ministers and religious prophets open up their financial books and let the people see how their monies are dispersed amongst God's poor.

It seldom leaves their personal pocket books or bank accounts. Full disclosure is the only way to demonstrate the truth and not suppress what the various ministries claim is in their hearts, full disclosure of the Bible and its interpretations without man's attempt to benefit himself at the expense of others, and full disclosure to benefit all of God's children and not just their elitist few.

The poor are taxed, but not the Church. Can this be the teaching of a religion that proclaims to represent the poor? A religion that would have others shoulder its burden. Jesus himself claimed, "Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." ~Mark 12:14-17.



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Scripture makes it perfectly clear that Jesus did not give money at the Synagogue for the benefit of clergy, but to pay taxes to the Romans. When shown to Jesus, a gold coin with Caesar's impression upon it, they said to him, "*The Roman Emperor's people demand taxes from us.*" Jesus said to them, "*Give the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, give God what belongs to God, and give Me what is Mine.*" ~Gospel of Thomas.

Jesus did not speak out against taxation of religion by government, but merely the figure of Caesar on a coin that depicted Caesar as a God [*only Roman Gods were allowed to be depicted on Roman currency*]. Who gave these self-righteous people such authority to interpret the Bible to enrich themselves? Some monarchs will claim it is God himself through "*Divine Intervention*" or "*Divine Right.*" ~For centuries, the Roman Church supported the right of kings via 1 Timothy 2:2.

It is called *Divine Birth* for those of nobility who claim their powers from birth. Historians have documented the rivalry of these two groups, *Divine Birth* versus *Divine Right*. *Divine Birth* claiming *a priori* to those who claimed they are accepting the baton of holy continuity. Who can dispute this stated authority from God from either side? Leaders sprang up because they promised to protect the poor and the underprivileged. Have they? After thousands of years of persecution under authoritarian rule by various religious groups, have the poor really made any significant advances? Whose fault is it?

Many will have you believe it is the fault of the poor. They believe those who said they would help. They sought only to help themselves.

From political leaders to religious leaders the outcome has been the same, a direct exploitation of the masses for the benefit of the few. Little has changed since the advent of Jesus regarding the religious leaders and their attitudes towards the poor who suffer under the yoke of religions and the whip of the political oligarchies, which controls them.

"Politics is for people who have a passion for craving life, but lack the passion for living it." ~Tom Robbins.

The Power of the Almighty Church:

From the church leaders, a completely new language develops from their holy men to obfuscate, confuse, and deny the "*True Word of God*" to the ignorant masses who innocently accept all that they are told and what they read. *Pedanticism* [*the use of large polysyllabic terms*] would conceal the truth, and *Bureaucratism* would protect the administration from those seeking the truth. Ignorance would perpetuate the falsehoods upon mankind searching for God for centuries.

What is the true purpose of religion? I dare say it is supposed to help all of mankind and not the individual or institution that works for its own financial gain. Did Jesus not admonish his followers to, "*...Leave your purses behind!*" ~Luke 10:4.

They were to take no food, money, or shoes. Did Jesus intend the shepherds to become wealthy from the flock? For centuries the various religious orders, churches, and spiritual sects have kept a close watch over their Scriptures. When the Scriptures are arbitrarily changed, they are no longer the word of God, but the words of man. Changes were made to substantiate the decisions of the contemporary rulers and religious oligarchy. When changes were made by the church, the nobles oblige [*monarchs or privileged rich*] were obligated to surrender their family bible and procure a newer interpretation.

To avoid having to do this chambers or secret reading rooms were constructed to hide these valuable manuscripts and sacred religious works. The remnants of many European castles today still hold these chambers hidden away by secret passages or moving walls. A concerted effort had been made throughout history to destroy all literature that does not agree with the particular sanctions of the ruling priesthood [*most religious faiths*] as to what is acceptable or not acceptable within the specific interpretations of Scripture as pertains to the ruling religious oligarchy.

It was an all or none acceptance of ancient books, scrolls, manuscripts, and other paraphernalia. So much so, that it has often been rumored that the original intentions of the Roman Catholic Church in instituting the First Crusade was *not* to rescue Jerusalem from the infidels, but to seek and destroy the *Book of Jasher* [*The Upright Book*]. ~Refer to Joshua 10:13 and II Samuel 1:18 and other Sacred Scrolls now in conflict with the interpretations of the new ruling Church Authorities.

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The Nag Hammadi discoveries and the findings of other sacred documents long hidden [Dead Sea Scrolls] have shed new light on our present day interpretations of Scriptures and what the early followers proclaimed as their beliefs. Religious institutions will always claim as heretical all Scripture that does *not* agree with their particular accepted beliefs.

Yet, we shall see that the Accepted Beliefs have changed throughout history. What else would one expect...it's self-preservation! Who is to say who is right or who is wrong? Full disclosure of truth will present all the Scriptural literature before the self-proclaimed religious members and let them decide which way they wish to progress.

Why must one religious group be wrong or the other group right? Why must one religion have a supreme last say so on scripture to the exclusion of all others? [*Proclaiming to be the one and only True Faith*] Some will also say that isolated fanatical groups wanted to smite the recently found religion by writing the newly found Scriptures. If this is so, then let the documents speak for themselves.

The Truth will prevail. What is so secret and dangerous that the religious institutions do not wish their members to have access to the newly found documents discovered? What ever happened to freedom of the press? One individual prays on his feet, another kneeling, another prone. Yet, they all pray. Is there a right or wrong way to pray? Some call him God; some call him Allah, while others may call him Jehovah.

Repeatedly in the New Testament we find clear indications that this glorious Name of our God is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. That blessed Name is filled with revelations of the character of our God. The souls of God's people have been thrilled through the passing centuries with, *Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Shalom, Jehovah Tsidkenu* etc. ~*The New American Standard Version And The Deity of Christ* By Cecil J. Carter, 1963.

The preface to the New American Standard Version, of 1963 states, regarding that Name: "*It is felt by many who are in touch with the laity of our churches that this name conveys no religious or spiritual overtones. It is strange, uncommon, and without sufficient religious and devotional background. No amount of scholarly debate can overcome this deficiency. Hence, it was decided to avoid the use of this name in the translation proper.*" ~Editorial Board, Lockman Foundation.

"As priest-craft was always the enemy of knowledge, because priest-craft supports itself by keeping people in delusion and ignorance..." ~Thomas Paine, *The Life Works of Thomas Paine*, vol. 9, p. 106.

For years, the Church denied the right to pray except within the confines of the Church's edifices. We now accept prayer as an *Individual Right* [long denied by religious associations] as acknowledged by most religious sects, to be practiced in almost any environment or social milieu. Prayer is now accepted as an Individual Right that cannot be denied by any religious institution or government [with a very few exceptions] Man, after centuries, can now pray to his or her God without permission or without having to be in a temple of God. For God is everywhere.

That the Church set about to destroy and conceal the Truth is difficult to deny. [*Although, it still tries to justify its actions in the interest of Purity of Faith.*] The Church will take upon itself self-proclaimed power and authority to judge books and other writings of individuals and cause not only the *burning of literature and destruction of once sacred scrolls*, but also the *condemnation of the authors*. Persons who wrote or transcribed Scriptural manuscripts [if they were still alive], at the time of the Inquisition, he or she would often find himself or herself imprisoned or excommunicated [*a fate worse than death?*]

Many are tortured if they did not agree with the major ruling religious institution of the time or agree to stop espousing their own personal beliefs. Even after death the Church will seek out their remains and have them disinterred from their graves, their bodies to be desecrated by burning their bones, and spreading the ashes to the winds [*four corners of the world*] so that their souls would meander about never finding peace in the hereafter.

In the year 2000, Pope Paul II apologizes to the world and the Jewish Faith in particular for the wrongs imposed upon them for centuries. This is merely a publicity contrivance to look good in the eyes of the world, for the Pope, at the same time is adamant in refusing to reveal Church records showing the complicity of Catholic leaders in the mass robbery of Jewish properties, art objects, and bank accounts during WWII, along with the Vatican involvement.

The Vatican also refuses to surrender the monies [*ill gotten gains*] it acquired during this period. Are these the actions of a religious institution or a political oligarchy bent on getting rich?

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